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PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY. THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE UNITED STATES, Passed at the first session, which was begun

and held at the City of Washington, in Monday, the 7th day of August, 1854.

CHAP. I .- An Act concerning the District Courts of the United States in California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Ameriea in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a district judge for the southern judicial district heretofore established in the State of California; and that the sessions of the district court of San Jose, Stockton, and Sacramento, are hereby abolished. And in case of the sickness, or other inability, of the district judge for the southern district of California to hold the terms of the district court at the place's prescribed by law, or at either of them, it shall be lawful for the district judge of the northern district of California to hold the said session of the district court for the southern district, or any And in case the district judthe northern judicial district of California shall, from sickness or other cause, be unatimes and places appointed by law, or either of them, it shall and may be lawful for the district judge for the southern district of California to hold said sessions of the district court for the northern district of California.

or any or either of them. APPROVED, January 18, 1854.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of th Senate, pro tempore.

LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. II .- An Act to continue in force the Act entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California fifty-one, be, and the same is hereby, continued in force for one year from and after the third day of March A. D. eighteen hunabling the board of commissioners appointed under said act to determine the claims

SEC. 2. And be it futher enacted, That the said board of commissioners may appoint one or more, not exceeding three, in the taking of testimony to be used before said board, who shall receive a compensato be fixed by said board, but not to exceed ten dollars per diem.

APPROVED, January 18, 1854.

CHAP. VII.—An Act to provide a place for the holding of the Courts of the United States in the Southern District of New York, and for

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Interior to provide by lease from year to year, or for a term of years, at his discretion, rooms in the city of New York for holding the courts of the United States for the southern district of New York, and for the accommodation of the judges of the said courts, and of the district attorney and marshall of the United States for the southern district of New York, and for the clerks of the circuit and district court of said district.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all orders, venires, writs, process, and recognizances in the circuit or district court of the United States for the southern district of New York, may be dated, tested and Whereas by a decision of the Supreme made returnable at the United States courtroom in the city of New York, and wheth- twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fiftyer made returnable at the United States' three, the State of Indiana has lost one out

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CHAP. VIII.—An Act granting the Franking Privilege to the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and the Assistant in charge of the of-fice of said Court Survey.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, and the assistant in charge of the office of the coast survey, shall be authorized to receive and transmit, free of postage, by the mails, all letters and documents in relation to their public duties.

APPROVED, February 2, 1854.

CHAP. IX.—An Act to constitute Quincy, in the State of Illinois, a Port of Delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Quincy, in the State of Illinois, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs to reside at said port who shall, in addition to his own duties, perform the duties and receive the salthe District of Columbia, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1853, and ended on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1854. y-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods at certain ports therein mentioned, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," and the said city of Quincy and the said port of delivery be, and is hereby, annexed to and made a part of the collection district of New Orleans, and all the facilities and privileges afforded by said act of Congress, of the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, be and hereby are extended to the said port of Quincy.

APPROVED, February 2, 1854.

CHAP. X.—An Act giving further Time for Sa-tisfying Claims for Bounty Lands and for oth-

America in Congress assembled That the twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and forty- fifty-three. two, and also the two acts approved Januathirty-five, therein and thereby revived, shall be and the same are hereby revived computed from the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three. APPROVED, February 8, 1854.

CHAP. XI.—An Act to Regulate the Disburse-ment of the Contingent Fund of the Senate and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress, assembled, That the moneys which have been, or may hereafter be, appropriated for the compensation of members and officers, and for the contin-Secretary of the Senate, and shall be kept, passed March third, eighteen hundred and disbursed, and accounted for by him, accord ing to law: and the said Secretary shall be deemed a disbursing officer.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That dred and fifty-four, for the purpose of en- in lieu of the bond now required by law, to be given by the Secretary of the Senate, he shall give bond to the United States, withpresented to said board under the act afore- in ten days after the passage of this act, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with condition for the faithful application and competent persons to act as commissioners disbursement of such funds as may be drawn from the Treasury under this act, which bond shall be deposited in the Comptroller's office; and it shall be the duty of each and every Secretary of the Senate, who may hereaster be chosen, to give bond, as aforesaid, within thirty days after he enters upon the duties of his office, and before making any requisition as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted. That it shall be the the duty of the said Secretary of the Senate to deposite the moneys aforesaid which may come into his hands with the depositary who may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, for other disbursing officers in the city of Washington, and all payments on account of the pay if any such officer, non-commissioned officer by the Secretary of the Treasury, for other and mileage of members of the Senate, and all payments of their officers and for the contingent expenses of the Senate shall be by drafts drawn by the Secretary on such

depositary. APPROVED, February 10, 1854.

CHAP. XII.—An Act to Indemnify the State of Indiana for the Failure of Title to a Township of Land granted to said State on her admission into the Union in eighteen hundred and six-

court-room, or at the City Hall of the city of the two townships of land granted to her . Approver, March 27, 1851.

ized to select out of lands of the United States, within the said State, now subject to private entry, nineteen thousand and forty acres of land in legal subdivisions, and shall certify the same to the Secretary of the In-terior, who shall, forthwith, on receipt of said certificate, issue, to the State of Indiana. patents for said lands: Provided, The proceeds of said lands, when sold, shall be, and forever remain, a fund for the use of the Indiana University.

APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

CHAP. XIII.—An Act to Extend the Limits of the Port of New Orleans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the port of New Orleans be so extended as to embrace the right bank of the Mississippi river, for the same distance up said bank as t now extends on the left bank.

APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

CHAP. XIV.—An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land claims in the State of California," approved March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives ef the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following named persons, viz: Henry C. Boggs, L W Hardman, Wiley Sneed, Stephen Broadhurst, Smith and Kristeen, Geo. H. Woodman, Berthald and Lorrin, Fisher and Guildfildt, and William Clarke, or either of them, or their representatives, may, within six months after the passage of this act, present their claims to the commissioners who were appointed under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to hear and dispose of the same as effectually as though the said claims had been presented in due time, under the thirteenth section of the aforesaid act.

Szc. 2. And be it further enacted, That the persons named in this act shall be limited and confined, in their claims, to purchases made of Don Salvador Veligo, a Be it enacted by the Senate and House Mexican grantee, for a part of the place of Representatives of the United States of known as "Entre Napa," and situate in pa county, State of California. And the act entitled "An act to provide for satisfy- said commissioners shall be satisfied that ing claims for bounty lands for military ser- the said persons named derived title to their ble to hold the sessions of the district court vices in the late war with Great Britain, respective claims previous to the third day for the northern district of California at the and for other purposes," approved July of March, one thousand eight hundred and

> SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That ry twenty-seventh eighteen hundred and the said persons named shall be entitled to no privilege not conferred on claimants under the original act, but as to an extension and continued in force for five years, to be of time in which their claims may be respectively made to the said commissioners. APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

> > CHAP. XVII.—An Act for the Extension of the Preemption Privilege in the State of Califor-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of the fourth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, granting pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands, as modified and made applicagent expenses of the Senate, shall be paid ble to the State of California by the act of at the Treasury on requisition drawn by the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, shall be further modified by exin the sixth section of the aforesaid act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to settlements made prior to and within two years after the passage of this act.
APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

Chap. XXIV.—An Act for the Relief of the United States Troops who were Sufferers by the recent Disaster to the Steamship San

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be paid, under the direction of the President, to each of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who, on the twenty-first day of December eighteen hundred and fifty-three, embarked at New York, under orders for California, on the steamship San Francisco, and who was on board that vessel on the occa-sion of her recent disaster at sea, and to Lieutenant Francis Key Murray, and other officer or seaman of the United States navy, who was on board the said steamship under orders, a sum equal in amount to his

musician, or private, shall have died before receiving such payment, from any cause consequent upon said disaster, his widow if one survive him, and if not, then his minor children, if any there be, shall be paid a sum equal in amount to six month's pay and allowances of the deceased. And that shall be allowed pensions in the same manner in all respects as if the said officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates had been killed in battle.

the President's proclamation for the resto-ration of said lands to market.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

Judicial District of the State of Arkansas, and distilled spirits only, and yards for the for offences to which, punishment by constorage of coal, mahogany, and other woods

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That for offences to which, punishment by con-finement in the penitentiary is annexed, it shall be lawful for the court before whom convictions have or may be had, to sen-bonded warehouses for the storage of such the transportation of goods, wares, and mertence convicts to undergo imprisonment in the Penitentiary House of the State, situated in the Eastern Judicial District, in the same manner as though the Penitentiary House was situated in the Western Judicial District, in the same manner as though the Penitentiary House was situated in the Western Judicial District, in the said shall be exclusively appropriated to the preceding section; also the time for such district or a port in another collection district in the United States, as provided in the preceding section; also the time for such district or a port in another collection district to a port in another collection district to a port in another collection district to a port in another collection district or a port in another collection district or a port in another collection district to a port in House was situated in the Western Judi-storage of wines or distilled spirits, and cial District of the State of Arkansas; and shall have no opening or entrance except deliver, within the time limited, any such the counties of Sevier and Sebastian in the the one from the street, on which separate

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That when any person shall be convicted in the District Court for the Western District of required by existing laws to be taken pos-Arkansas, of any offence committed after the passage of this act, the punishment or be stored in any public warehouse owned punishment or part of the punishment shall hard labor for the same length of time, and shall be carried into effect as provided in

to said Indian country any of the laws enacted for the District of Columbia, and that
toms is hereby authorized, under such direcfifty-five: Provided, That nothing herein nothing contained in the twentieth section tions and regulations as may be prescribed contained shall be construed to prevent the of the said act, which provides for the pun-by the Secretary of the Treasury, to sell, leasing or hiring of such buildings or ac-

this be, and the same is hereby repealed.

upon an Indian, or other person, or any Indian who shall make an assault upon a Sec. 4. And dian who shall make an assault upon a SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That regulations of the Treasury Department, or white person, whithin said Indian country, all goods, wares, and merchandise, which while in transportation under bond from the than five years, nor less than one year.

try, prior to the creation of said Western Eastern District of Arkansas, process for witnesses residing or to be found in said said Eastern District, and be executed by him in any part of said Western District; and that the fees of all witnesses so summoned shall be paid by the United States.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXX.—An act to Extend the Warehousing System by establishing Private Bonded Warehouses, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of and allowances of the deceased. And that the widows and minor children of those officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, who perished by this disaster, or who died from disease in consequence thereof, shall be allowed pressured in the passage of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, any goods wares or merchandise subject to duty, with the exception of perishable articles, also gunpowder, fire-crackers, and other explosions. sive substances, which shall have been duly entered and bonded for warehousing, in conformity with existing laws, may be deposited at the option of the owner, important, and re-warehoused thereat; and any of the Navy may think most advisable for the public interest.

vated by them: Provided, They shall prove at the Custom-House: Provided, That such CHAP. XXVI.—An Act to amend an Act, enti- stored in said warehouse, and all the labor said State, are hereby added to, and made a part of the said Western Judicial Disor vaults shall be placed.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That be confinement and imprisonment with and other expenses accruing on any such be liable to seizure and forfeiture. goods, wares, or merchandise, not to exgoods, wares, or merchandise, not to ex-ceed in any case the regular rates for such all leases of stores now held by the United

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That before any of the stores or cellars aforesaid enter into any contract or agreement for the any white person who shall hereafter set owned or occupied by private individuals, use of any building to be thereafter erecfire, or attempt to set fire, to any house, out- shall be used as a warehouse for merchan- ted as a public store or warehouse, and no house, cabin, stable, or other building in dise imported by other merchants or im- lease of any building to be so used shall be said Indian country, to whomsoever belong- porters, the owner, occupant, or lessee ing; and any Indian who shall set fire to thereof shall enter into bond, in such sums nor shall rent be paid, in whole or in part, any house, out-house, cabin, stable, or other and with such sureties as may be approved in any case, in advance. building, in said Indian country, belonging by the Secretary of the Treasury, exonerto or in lawful possession of a white person, ating and holding the United States and its in whole or in part, and whether the same officers harmless from or on account of any hereby, authorized, upon production of satbe consumed or not, shall be deemed guilty risk, loss or expense of any kind or descrip- isfactory proof to him of the actual injury or fifty-three, shall be further modified by ex-tending the provisions of the third proviso finement and imprisonment, with hard labor posit or keeping of the merchandise in the wares, or merchandise, by accidental fire, for not more than twenty-one nor less than warehouse aforesaid; and all imports de- or other casualty, while the same remainvo years.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That authorized by this act, shall be at the sole toms in any public or private warehouse any white person who shall make an assault and exclusive risk and expense of the ow- under bond, or in the appraisers' stores un-

> with a gun, rifle, sword, pistol, knife, or any may be hereafter duly entered for wareother deadly weapon, with intent to kill or housing under bond, and likewise all mer-maim the person so assaulted, shall be deem-chandise now remaining in warehouse un-be, out of any moneys in the treasury not ed guilty of a felony, and shall, on convic- der bond, may continue in warehouse, with- otherwise appropriated, the amount of imtion, be punished with confinement and im-prisonment, with hard labor, for not more riod of three years from the date of original likewise to cancel any warehouse bond or inal importation, and may be withdrawn bonds, or entersatisfaction thereon in whole SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That for consumption on due entry and payment or in part, as the case may be in all criminal cases, upon indictment for of the duties and charges, or upon entry for offences committed in said Indian counat any time within the period aforesaid; District of Arkansas, now pending in the circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Arkansas, process for charges as may be due thereon: Provided, for the due execution of this act, as he may however, That where the duties shall have deem to be expedient and necessary; and Western District, may issue to the marshal of been paid upon any goods, wares, or mer- all acts and parts of acts conflicting with chandise entered for consumption, said du- this act are hereby repealed. ties shall not be refunded on exportation of any such goods, wares, or merchandisc, without the limits of the United States :-And provided further, That there shall be no abatement of the duties or allowance made for any injury, damage, deterioration, loss, or leakage sustained by any goods, wares, or merchadise, whilst deposited in

of New York, shall be in fact returnable at, and shall be returned to the court-room in the city of New York, where, at the time of such return, the court shall be actually held: and that the said circuit and district of New York shell be held and trials in action therein had, at the court-rooms that may from time to time be provided for that purpose.

Approved. February 2, 1854.

To the use of a State University by act of and sixteen, and has become liable to on Lands reserved for Raifroad Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of Said township heretofore appropriated to the sumport of the State University of Indianable and trials in action therein had, at the court-rooms that may from time to time be provided for that purpose.

Approved. February 2, 1854.

Chap. VIII.—An Act granting the Franking of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such the time of entering such merchandise at the Custom-House: Provided, That such of the Alantic and those of the United States of the State University of Indianable actually by water, ore partly by land, or wholly by water, ore partly by land and partly by water, ore such routes of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every settler on Raifroad Purposes.

Approved. The State University of Indianable actually of the State University of Indianable actually by water, ore partly by land, or wholly by water, ore partly by land and partly by water, ore such routes of Representatives of the United States of warehouse of the United States of war of the Atlantic and those of the Pacific up their rights according to such rules and private warehouse shall be used solely for overland through any foreign territory, the regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and pay for the same before the day that may be fixed by the President's proclamation for the restothe customs, who, together with the owner goods may be landed or embarked, with and proprietor of the warehouse, shall have power to superintend the landing or ship-the joint custody, of all the merchandise ping of all goods passing coastwise between the ports of the United States on the Pacific and Atlantic, and whose duty it shall be, tled "An Act to Divide the State of Arkansas into Two Judicial Districts," approved March the third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

Stored in Situ warehouse, and an die labor in the ports of the United States of the Chited States of the Chited States of the Chited States of the Ports of the United States of the Chited St Be it enacted by the Senate and House of the customs in charge of the same, at the seribe, to guard against the perpetration of of Representatives of the United States of expense of the aforesaid owner or propriedany frauds upon the revenue, Provided, America in Congress assembled, That upon conviction of offenders in the Western and vaults of stores for the storage of wines tors shall not in the aggregate exceed five

> the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe the form of the bond to be given for bonded goods, wares, and merchandise, to be levied and collected, which additional duty shall be secured by such bond, or said unclaimed goods, wares, or merchandise goods, wares, and merchandise may be seized and forfeited for such failure, and session of by collectors of the customs, may any steam or other vessel, or vehicle, transporting such bonded goods, wares, and part of the punishment whereof is impris-onment by the laws now existing, the said private bonded warehouse authorized by tor of which shall fail to deliver the same to this act, and all charges for storage, labor the collector at the designated port, shall

> the preceding section.
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> SEC. 3. And be it futher enacted, That nothing contained in the twenty-fifth section of an act entitled "An act to regulate intercourse with the Indian tribes, and preserve peace on the frontiers," approved thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, shall be construed to extend or apply to said Indian country any of the laws entitied.
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> Ceed in any case the regular rates for such objects at the port in question, must be paid before delivery of the goods on due entry thereof by the claimant or owner; or if sold as unclaimed goods to realize the import duties, the aforesaid charges shall be paid by the collector out of the proceeds of of the sale thereof before paying such proceeds into the treasury as required by exist any private bonded warehouses, after the first day of July girpteen bundred and the control of the custom of the sale thereof before paying such proceeds into the treasury as required by exist any private bonded warehouses, after the first day of July girpteen bundred and the control of the custom objects at the port in question, must be paid before delivery of the goods on due entry thereof by the claimant or owner; or if sold as unclaimed goods to realize the import duties, the aforesaid charges shall be entered into by the United States for the purpose of storing warehoused or unclaimed goods, shall, on the short-est period of termination named in said leases of stores now held by the United States for the purpose of storing warehoused or unclaimed goods, shall, on the short-est period of termination named in said leases of stores now held by the United States for the purpose of storing warehoused or unclaimed goods, shall, on the short-est period of termination named in said leases of stores now held by the United States for the purpose of storing warehouse. ishment of offences therein specified, shall upon due notice, at public auction, any uncommodations as may be required for the claimed goods, wares, or merchandise demitting said offences in the Indian country, or to any Indian committing same may from deprecation in value, dam- merchandise at the ports where such officers any offence in the Indian country who age, leakage, or other cause, in the opin-has been punished by the local law of ion of such collector, be likely to prove in-leasing or hiring by collectors of the custhe tribe, or in any case where by treaty sufficient on a sale thereof to pay the du- toms, for short periods, with the approval of stipulations, the exclusive jurisdiction over ties, storage, and other charges if suffered the Secretary of the Treasury, of such stores such offences may now or hereafter be se- to remain in public store for the period now as may be required for custom-house purcured to said Indian tribes, respectively, allowed by law in the case of unclaimed poses at any of the smaller revenue ports of the United States: Provided, That no taken for a longer period than three years,

> > SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That dergoing appraisal, in pursuance of law or port of entry to any other port in the United

> > SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and is hereby, authorized from time to time to es-

APPROVED, March 28, 1854.

Char. XXXII.—An Act to authorize the con-struction of Six first-class Steam-frigates, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the any public or private bonded warehouse established or recognized by this act.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That for the United States navy, at as early a any goods, wares, or merchandise, duly entered for warehousing, may be with-drawn under bond, without payment of the duties, from a bonded warehouse in any day as practicable, consistently with a due